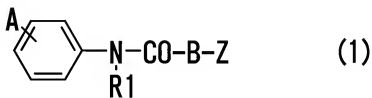


### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims presented in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound represented by formula (1):

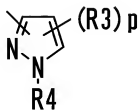
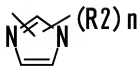


wherein,

R1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which is unsubstituted ~~or substituted~~;

A represents an imidazolyl group or a pyrazolyl group represented by the following formulae:

wherein,



R2 and R3 represent a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

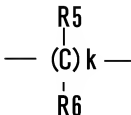
G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

p represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R2 and R3 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when n and p are 2 or more;

B represents a group represented by the following formula:



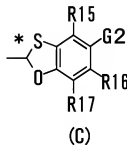
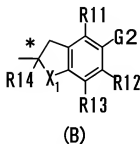
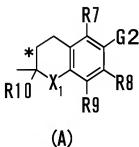
wherein,

R5 and R6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyloxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynloxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> acyloxy group, or a C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl group, or a phenyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group,

k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 15, and

R5 and R6 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when k is 2 or more; and

Z represents a group represented by the following formula (A), (B) or (C):



wherein

\* represents an asymmetric carbon atom,

X1 represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

R7 to R17 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, and

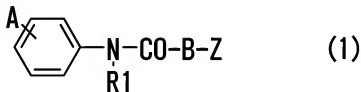
G2 is represented by the following formula: NHR wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein A is 1-imidazolyl or 1-H-pyrazole-5-yl which is substituted at the fourth position on the phenyl group of formula (1).

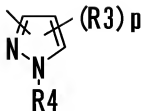
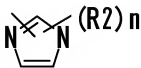
Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently amended): An antioxidant comprising as its active ingredient at least one compound represented by formula (1):  
wherein



R1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted,

A represents an imidazolyl group or a pyrazolyl group represented by the following formulae:



wherein

R2 and R3 represent a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

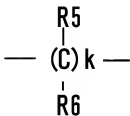
G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

p represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R2 and R3 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when n and p are 2 or more,

B represents a group represented by the following formula:



wherein

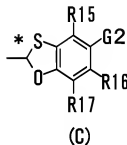
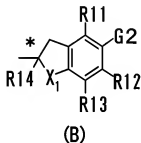
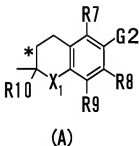
R5 and R6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyloxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynloxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> acyloxy group, or a C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl

group, or a phenyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group,

k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 15, and

R5 and R6 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when k is 2 or more, and

Z represents a group represented by the following formula (A), (B) or (C):  
wherein



\* represents an asymmetric carbon atom,

X1 represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

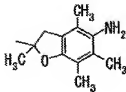
R7 to R17 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, and

G2 is represented by the following formula: NHR (wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 6-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein A is 1-imidazolyl or 1-H-pyrazole-5-yl which is substituted at the fourth position on the phenyl group of formula (1).

Claim 14 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein R1 is a hydrogen atom, A is 4-(1H-pyrazole-5-yl), k is 0, and Z is represented by the following formula:



Claim 15 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein Z represents a group represented by the formula (A) or (B) wherein X1 represents an oxygen atom.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein A represents an imidazolyl group.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein A represents a pyrazolyl group and Z represents a group represented by the formula (B).

Claim 18 (Previously presented): An antioxidant according to claim 5, wherein Z represents a group represented by the formula (A) or (B) wherein X1 represents an oxygen atom.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): An antioxidant according to claim 18, wherein A represents an imidazolyl group.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): An antioxidant according to claim 18, wherein A represents a pyrazolyl group and Z represents a group represented by the formula (B).